

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI: DESIGN AND POLICY STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AS DEVELOPED BY THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN (MCAD); DIRECTING STAFF TO INCORPORATE STRATEGIES INTO PLANNING FUNCTIONS AS FEASIBLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, today's global epidemic of chronic diseases is driven by a range of factors including the powerful impact of the built environment and, to reverse negative health trends, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that communities focus on supporting healthy eating and active living in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is experiencing many common health concerns, including rising obesity and chronic disease rates, and high rates of depression and other mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, planners, architects, and public health professionals, working collaboratively, have an essential role in addressing the rapidly growing epidemics of chronic diseases, especially in light of mounting scientific evidence demonstrating the impact of environmental design on physical activity and healthy eating; and

WHEREAS, Active Design is an approach to shaping communities that leverages evidence-based urban design and architecture solutions to improve public health by influencing day-to-day behavior that directly impact community wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health was awarded a grant by the CDC, and the Florida Department of Health contracted the Miami Center for Architecture & Design, Inc., a Florida

Not-for-Profit and 501(c)(3) organization, in October 2015 to create Active Design strategies for use by Miami-Dade County and cities; and

WHEREAS, after a year-long collaborative, open process which included Miami-Dade County and 20 local municipalities, Active Design Miami: Design & Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities (“Active Design Miami”) was developed and includes strategies suited to Miami-Dade’s context and needs; and

WHEREAS, Active Design Miami provides architects, planners, urban designers and governments with a manual of strategies for creating healthier buildings, streets, and urban spaces, based on the latest academic research and best practices in the field; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne (“Village”) is committed to creating an active city through urban design and supports the implementation of Active Design Miami strategies in the Village’s planning functions, where feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAINE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals Adopted.** That each of the recitals stated above is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. **Incorporating Strategies.** The Village Council hereby supports the implementation of Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities as developed by the Miami Center for Architecture and Design; and directs staff to incorporate strategies into planning functions, as feasible.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2017.


MAYOR MAYRA PEÑA LINDSAY

ATTEST:


CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


VILLAGE ATTORNEY

